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The Geographical Review now succeeds the *Bulletin of the American Geographical Society* as the Society's monthly magazine. The old title—maintained since 1852—did not adequately express the broad field of geographical observation and comment covered by the *Bulletin* in later years. Moreover, it is the intention of the Society to improve its publication still further, to broaden the range and deepen the intellectual interest of its articles, and to give its notes and reviews a more critical and scholarly quality. The breadth of its interest should make *The Geographical Review* the medium of expression both of the scientific geographers of this country and of that growing number of public men and women interested in the diversified fields of exploration and discovery, travel, commerce, and human development.

The Geographical Review hopes to serve the cause of education. Because the physical forces of the earth are so intimately bound up with human affairs geographical science should have a prominent place in our educational system. For many years university and college geographers have found the *Bulletin* a reservoir of useful material. Probably not more than two or three foreign publications of the highest rank have proved equally useful to scientific men in this field.

To become still more useful to education the Society's staff has been organized for the systematic development of the best geographical material from all parts of the world. Over six hundred periodicals, either primarily geographical or containing material of geographical interest, are received each month. These are now thoroughly worked over and the results published in classified form. Probably no other geographical

society carries on work of equal thoroughness and range at the present time.

In practically each issue of *The Geographical Review* we shall publish a notable map, as often as possible in color. During the past half year we have produced a few maps of this order, and an additional number of sketch maps in black and white, which have brought us frequent and favorable comment from journalists, historians, anthropologists, and public men in many sections of the world.

Through the long-continued support of the patrons of the Society we now possess the largest and most valuable collection of geographical books and maps in the western hemisphere. In time we hope to have the largest and best in the world. Through the medium of strong papers, and critical notes and reviews we wish to make these collections dynamic. It is the essence of the modern idea that knowledge is of value only when transformed into action that tends to realize the aspirations of humanity. It is precisely this view that the Society has always taken. We wish to turn even more effectively than in the past to the world outside our walls.

Our traditions point the way. We have the advantage of historical association with a large number of great names. On our roll of honor are Scott, Peary, Amundsen, Shackleton, Nansen, Sir John Murray, and the Duke of the Abruzzi. Among our fellows and honorary and corresponding members we have been proud to count Bayard Taylor, Du Chaillu, Vivien de Saint-Martin, the explorer Chandless, William H. Seward, Sir Roderick Murchison, General John C. Fremont. Among our past presidents have been George Bancroft, Henry Grinnell, and Judge Charles P. Daly. Any organization which has had associated with it so large a number of men distinguished in public life must have peculiarly high and enduring qualities. These men represent an investment of spirit, of ideals, of faith in human service, immeasurably superior to the material investment represented by our beautiful building and grounds and our great collection of maps and books. Without such traditions we should not have reached our present position of influence. In the development of *The Geographical Review* we shall therefore hold steadfastly to our founders' aims to enrich the intellectual life of our time and to serve its idealistic purposes no less than its practical ends.